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Title: APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND  
METHOD FOR BUSINESS  
NEGOTIATIONS AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional utility patent application of:

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[ ] Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (26 pages).
- [ X ] Formal drawings (2 sheets, Figures 1-2).
- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- [ X ] Assignment of the invention to NEC CORPORATION.
- [ X ] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- [ X ] Claim for Convention of Priority and priority document.
- [ X ] Information Disclosure Statement.

[ X ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of 5 listed reference(s).

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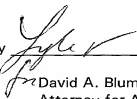
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